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## **DETAILED ACTION**

This Office action is in answer to the application filed 8/21/2003.

## **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

- 1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 2. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Morton Rosenberg at 410/465-6678 on October 20, 2004.
- 3. The application has been amended as follows:

## In the claims:

Claim 1: "; besides, the clamping circuit contains a clamping voltage that can be compared with the actual voltage" to be replaced by ---, and the clamping circuit responds to a clamping voltage that can be compared with an actual voltage---.

Claim 7: "the clamping voltage has at least 1.8 volt" to be replaced by --- the clamping voltage is at least 1.8 volt---.

## **Allowable Subject Matter**

4. Claims 1-9 are allowed.

With regard to claims 1-9: none of the references of record prior to applicant's filing date discloses, teaches, or suggests a capacitance charge device with adjustable clamping voltage comprising, inter alia, a clamping circuit, connected between an ON/OFF switch device and a high-farad capacitance and also connected to an output terminal of a switching power supply device, and the clamping circuit responds to a clamping voltage that can be compared with an actual voltage so as to control the on/off operations of the switch device and in turn control the ON/OFF conductions between the power supply device and the capacitance.

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Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

- 5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Pia Tibbits whose telephone number is (571) 272-2086. If unavailable, contact the Supervisory Patent Examiner Mike Sherry whose telephone number is (571) 272-2084. The Technology Center Fax number is (703) 872-9306.
- 4. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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